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SUBJECT: US-EC CONSULTATIONS JANUARY 22 ON MTN'S

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EC BRUSSELS 11449

1. SCENARIO FOR US-EC CONSULTATIONS ON MTN'S OUT-LINED REFTTEL EC BRUSSELS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE. IN LINE WITH NATURE OF MEETING AS HIGH-LEVEL MANAGEMENT REVIEW, PARTICIPATION SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO FOUR, OR AT MOST FIVE PARTICIPANTS ON EACH SIDE. AS FAR AS DURATION OF MEETING IS CONCERNED, ONE DAY INCLUDING EVENING SESSION MIGHT BE SUFFICIENT; BUT SHOULD EC WISH, US REPS COULD STAY ON FOR A MORNING SESSION ON THE 23RD.

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2. DUE TO SHORTNESS OF TIME AND COMMUNICATIONS

DELAYS RELATED TO HOLIDAY SEASON, SUGGEST THAT AGENDA BE BASED ON TOPICS PROPOSED AT NOVEMBER DENT-GUNDELACH MEETING. TOPICS MENTIONED INCLUDED TARIFFS, STANDARDS, SUBSIDIES, GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT, TROPICAL PRODUCTS AND OTHER LDC ISSUES IN MTN, SUPPLY ACCESS, AND SAFEGUARDS. IN LIGHT OF BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL AT TNC FOR INCLUSION OF GATT REFORM ON AGENDA OF NEXT TNC MEETING, THIS TOPIC SHOULD BE ADDED TO LIST.

3. IN LINE WITH GUNDELACH CONCEPT FOR MANAGEMENT OF NEGOTIATIONS, DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC TOPICS SHOULD BE PRECEDED BY GENERAL REVIEW OF THE MTN, AND HOW US AND EC CAN BEST COOPERATE TO ASSURE PRODUCTIVE PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. DENT REVIEWED ABOVE SCENARIO FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH EC COMMISSION REP LENG, WHO WILL SEPARATELY NOTIFY BRUSSELS.

5. STR WASHINGTON WILL COORDINATE US PREPARATIONS FOR MEETINGS. SUGGEST THAT MTN GENEVA PREPARE SHORT ISSUE PAPERS, FOR WASHINGTON USE, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION OF STATE OF PLAY ON EACH TOPIC, MAJOR ROADBLOCKS TO PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS INCLUDING US-EC DIFFERENCES, AND PROPOSED SCENARIO FOR EACH NEGOTIATING TOPIC. SUGGEST PAPERS BE SUBMITTED TO STR BY JANUARY 8TH. REVIEW OF GENEVA AND STR WASHINGTON INPUTS BY STR SENIOR STAFF AND AMBASSADOR WALKER TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 14.

6. MTN DEL MAY WISH TO RECOMMEND FURTHER REFINEMENTS OF PROPOSED SCENARIO, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF MEETING WITH EC DEL ON MONDAY. FULL INVOLVEMENT BY MTN DEL IN

ALL PHASES OF CONSULTATIONS IS WELCOME, AND, OF COURSE, EXPECT AMBASSADOR WALKER'S PRESENCE IN BRUSSELS ON JANUARY 22. KISSINGER

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